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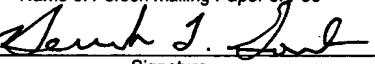
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- (1) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A)
11-275452 (KYOCERA CORP), published October 8,
1999; and
- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A)
09-247499 (SONY CORP), published September 19,
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